

## CECODHAS Conference: Housing and the European Energy Transition



Wednesday 30 January 2008 from 09.00 to 13.00 at the Committee of the Regions  
(Room 51), Brussels

The conference will focus on 3 issues:

- **Cutting energy consumption and increasing the use of renewable energy:** State-of-the-art case studies of successful large-scale projects in the social housing sector.
- **Tackling Obstacles:** Regulatory, financial and technical measures needed to pave the way towards optimising sustainable energy management and replicating successful projects in the entire social housing stock.
- **Ensuring sustainability through transparency, affordability and empowerment of citizens in a liberalised energy market:** Members of the European Parliament (MEPs), representatives of the social housing sector, European Trade Unions and employers give their views.

### Programme:

#### From 9:00 to 09.45 - *Setting the Scene*

Social Housing Organisations leading a sustainable, people-centred energy transition in the residential sector:  
Paul Louis Marty, President of CECODHAS  
The role of cities in reaching energy saving targets in the social housing sector, Case Study Vienna:  
Wolfgang Förster, City of Vienna, Austria

#### From 09:45 to 10.45 – *Best Practices & Overcoming Obstacles*

**Case study** >Tenant Participation in Sustainable Social Housing - The experience of public housing provider in Grenoble, France (OPAC 38) in the Sustainable Housing Europe (SHE) Project: Michel Gilbert, Sustainable Development & Europe Dpt Manager, OPAC 38

**Case study** >Facing the sustainable energy challenge in New Member States: One major city describes how it overcame barriers to achieve cuts in energy consumption through large scale refurbishment.

**Obstacles & Solutions:** Overview of regulatory, legislative, financial and technical deterrents to reaching target savings in Europe's Housing and how to overcome them– preliminary results of the TACKOBST SAVE project: Ingrid Vogler, Energy Efficiency Advisor, – German Housing and Real Estate Federation (GdW Bundesverband deutscher Wohnungs- und Immobilienunternehmen e.V.)

**Reaction:** Claude Turmes, MEP, Vice-Chairman, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance.

From 10:45 to 11.00 *Coffee break*

#### From 11.00 to 12.45 – *Sustainable, People-Centred Liberalisation of Energy Markets*

**Case study**> Fuel poverty in the UK, Policy approach in Northern Ireland: Noel Rice, Energy Conservation Manager, Northern Ireland Housing Executive

**Case study**> WoonEnergie, ensuring fair energy prices for citizens in the Netherlands, AEDES, The Netherlands

#### **Panel Discussion:**

- > Robert Goebbles, MEP, Socialist Group Vice-President responsible for energy policy
- > MEP, Rapporteur for 3<sup>rd</sup> Energy Package
- > European Trade Union Confederation
- > Antonello Pezzini, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee and rapporteur of the opinion *Energy efficiency of buildings - the contributions of end-users*
- > Marco Giardini, Chairman, CECODHAS Energy Experts Network

Moderator, Claire Roumet, Secretary General CECODHAS

#### From 12.45 to 13.00

Conclusions: Paul Louis Marty, President, CECODHAS

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